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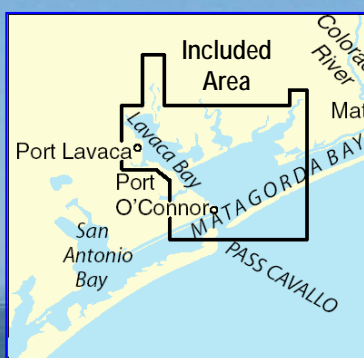
Matagorda Bay

NOAA Chart 11317

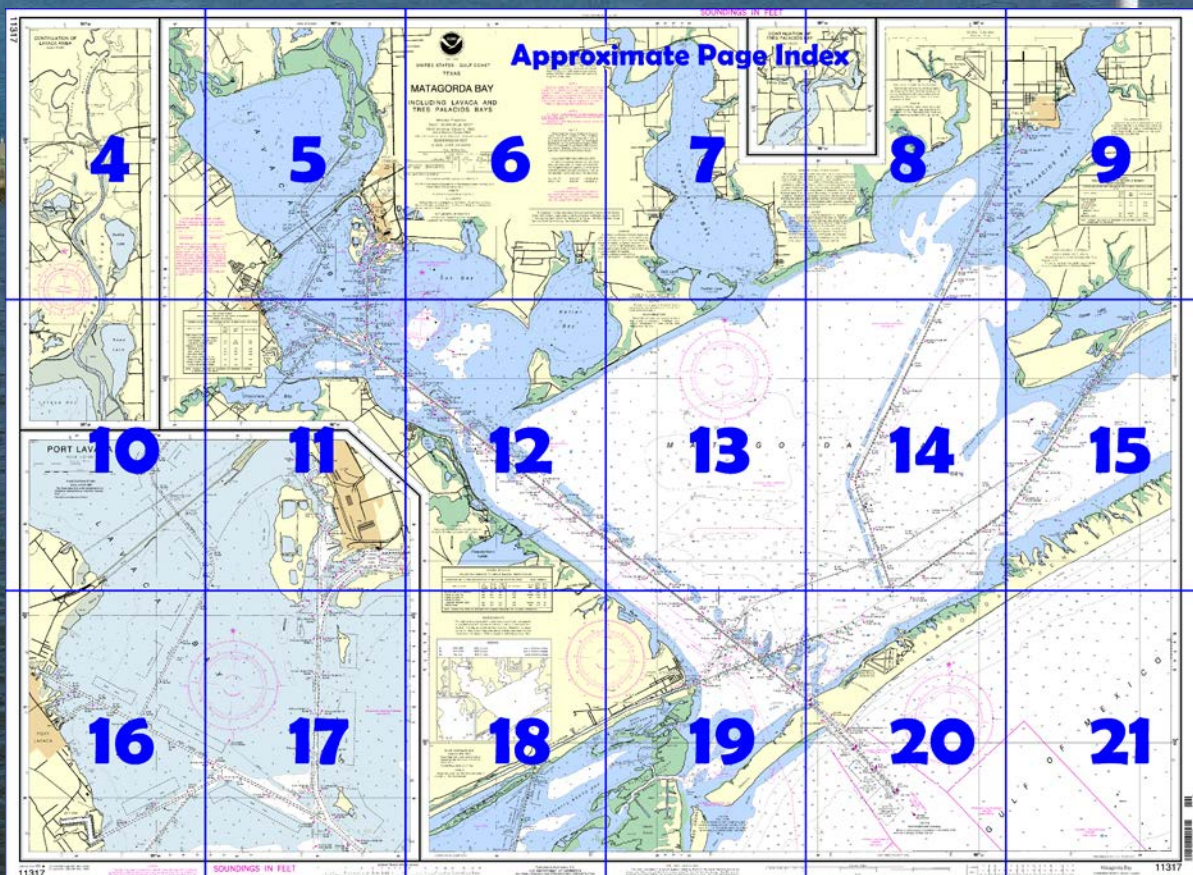


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Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

What is a BookletChart™ ?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

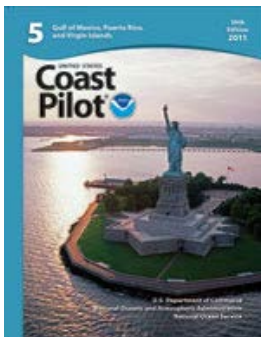
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Notice to Mariners Correction Status

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.

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[Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot]

Matagorda Bay is a large body of water separated from the Gulf by **Matagorda Peninsula**. Depths in the bay range from 5 to 13 feet, averaging 10 to 12 feet over the greater part. Considerable oil development and fishing are carried on in the bay and its main tributaries Tres Palacios and Lavaca Bays.

Ship Channel is a 22-mile-long deepwater channel from the Gulf to and through a land cut in Matagorda Peninsula thence

through Matagorda and Lavaca Bays to a public terminal at Point Comfort. The entrance to the land cut is protected by jetties. The channel is well marked. The Federal project provides for a depth of 38

feet through the Sea Bar Channel and Jetty Channel, thence 36 feet through the land cut and Matagorda and Lavaca Bays to a turning basin of the same depth at Point Comfort. Caution should be used when transiting near the channel limits due to abandoned structures immediately outside the channel limits that may or may not be visible above the waterline.

Matagorda Ship Channel Entrance Light (28°25'18"N., 96°19'06"W.), 57 feet above the water, is shown from a skeleton tower on a concrete block with a red and white diamond-shaped daymark on the E Jetty at the entrance to Matagorda Bay.

The usual storm anchorages for small boats in Matagorda Bay area are: the Harbor of Refuge S of Port Lavaca, in depths of about 12 feet; **Chocolate Bay**, with depths of 3 feet; Lavaca Bay, on the E side to the N of the causeway, with depths of 4 to 5 feet; **Lavaca River** with depths of about 5 feet across the bar; Carancahua Bay with depths of 3 feet across the bar; and Tres Palacios Bay, off Palacios, with depths of 4 to 5 feet. Small craft should not anchor in Matagorda Bay in the vicinity of the land cut through Matagorda Peninsula as strong currents and turbulent water are reported in this area.

Vessels should approach Matagorda Bay through the prescribed Safety Fairways. (See 166.100 through 166.200, chapter 2.)

Anchorages.—Vessels should anchor off the bar in the Matagorda Fairway Anchorages on either side of the safety fairways. (See 166.100 through 166.200, chapter 2.) With N winds or smooth sea, fair anchorage is available in 4 to 12 fathoms.

Currents.—The tidal current in Pass Cavallo is believed to attain a velocity of 2 knots with currents of 5 knots reported. It is reported to be very strong in the land cut through Matagorda Peninsula, especially on the runoff of the ebb after strong S winds. The current in Matagorda Ship Channel attains a reported velocity of about 3 knots and up to 7 knots under severe conditions. Daily predictions of the tidal current may be found in the Tidal Current Tables, Atlantic Coast.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine.—(See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and Appendix A for addresses.) Port Lavaca-Point Comfort is a **customs port of entry**.

Carancahua Bay, 6 miles W of Tres Palacios Bay, is a shallow, unimportant body of water frequented only by small pleasure boats and oil-drilling equipment. In 1982, it was reported that there were depths of 3 to 6 feet inside the bay. It was further reported that numerous wellheads, oyster shell reefs, platforms, and other obstructions, some marked by private lights, occupied the bay making navigation hazardous. Numerous beach houses are on both sides of the bay. (87) **Keller Bay**, an arm on the E shore of Lavaca Bay, is the site of oil exploration and development. Shell is barged through a privately maintained channel to **Olivia**, a small farming community on the E side of the bay. Barges drawing 6 feet are brought in to Olivia.

Lavaca Bay, an arm of Matagorda Bay at its NW corner, has a general depth of 5 to 7 feet with several reefs near the head of the bay. Point Comfort, on the E side of Lavaca Bay, is the site of the ship and barge wharves of a large aluminum company, the Calhoun County Navigation District's general cargo facilities, and an electric powerplant.

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NOTE A

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NOTE X

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TIDAL INFORMATION

PLACE		Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)		
NAME	(LAT/LONG)	Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water
Port O'Connor	(28°27'N/096°24'W)	feet 0.8	feet 0.8	feet 0.0
Port Lavaca	(28°37'N/096°37'W)	0.7	- - -	- - -

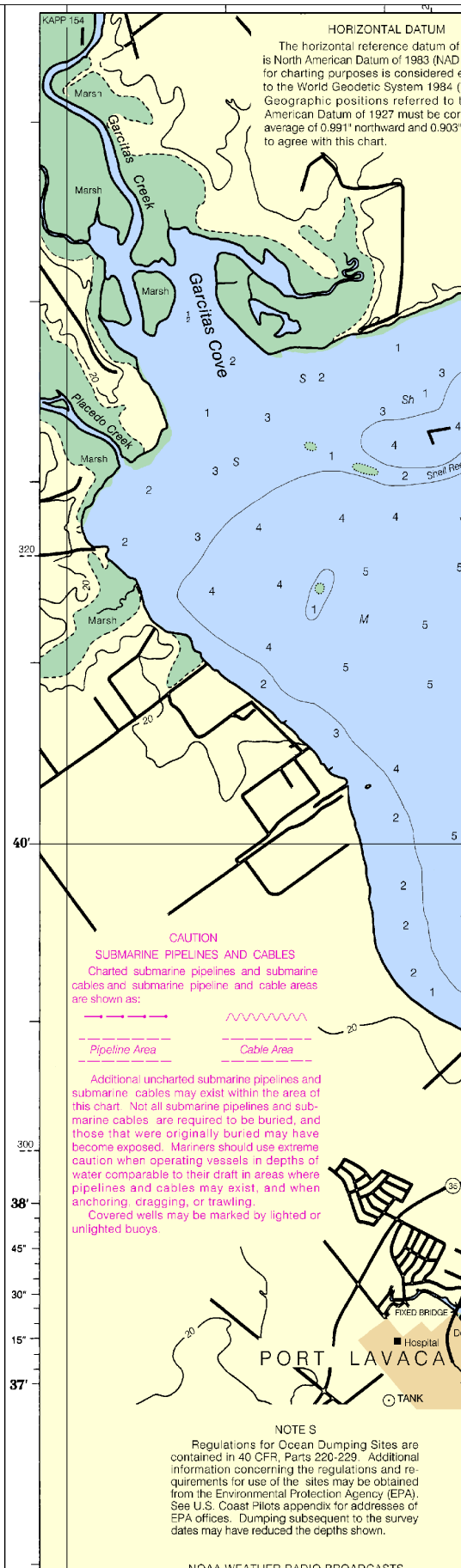
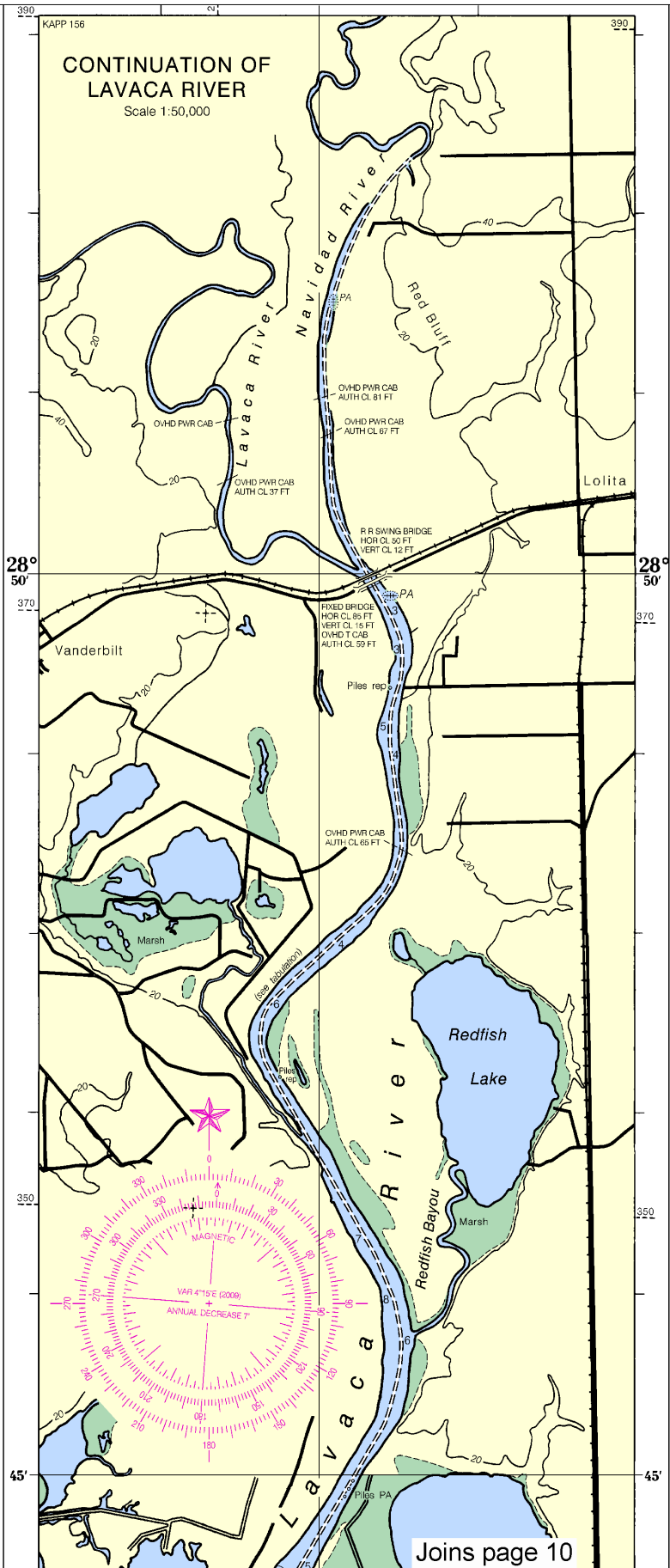
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PORT LAVACA HARBOR

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HARBOR OF REFUGE:						
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MILE 0 TO MILE 6.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	5-07	100	8.5
MILE 6.5 TO F.M. RD. 616	4.0	4.0	4.0	6-99	100	13.7

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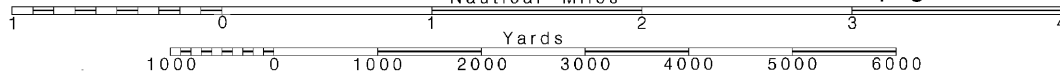


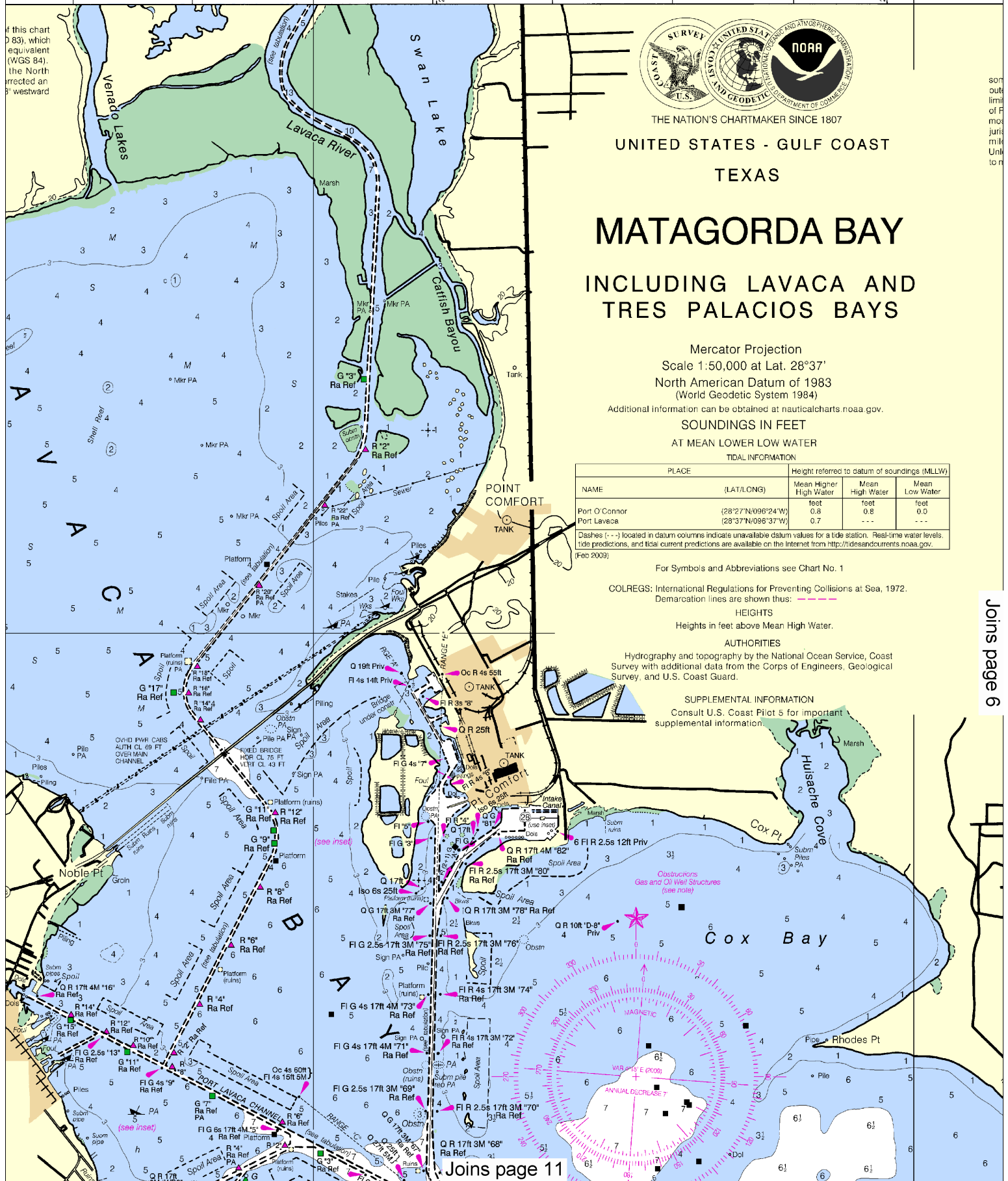
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UNITED STATES - GULF COAST

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MATAGORDA BAY INCLUDING LAVACA AND TRES PALACIOS BAYS

Mercator Projection
Scale 1:50,000 at Lat. 28°37'
North American Datum of 1983
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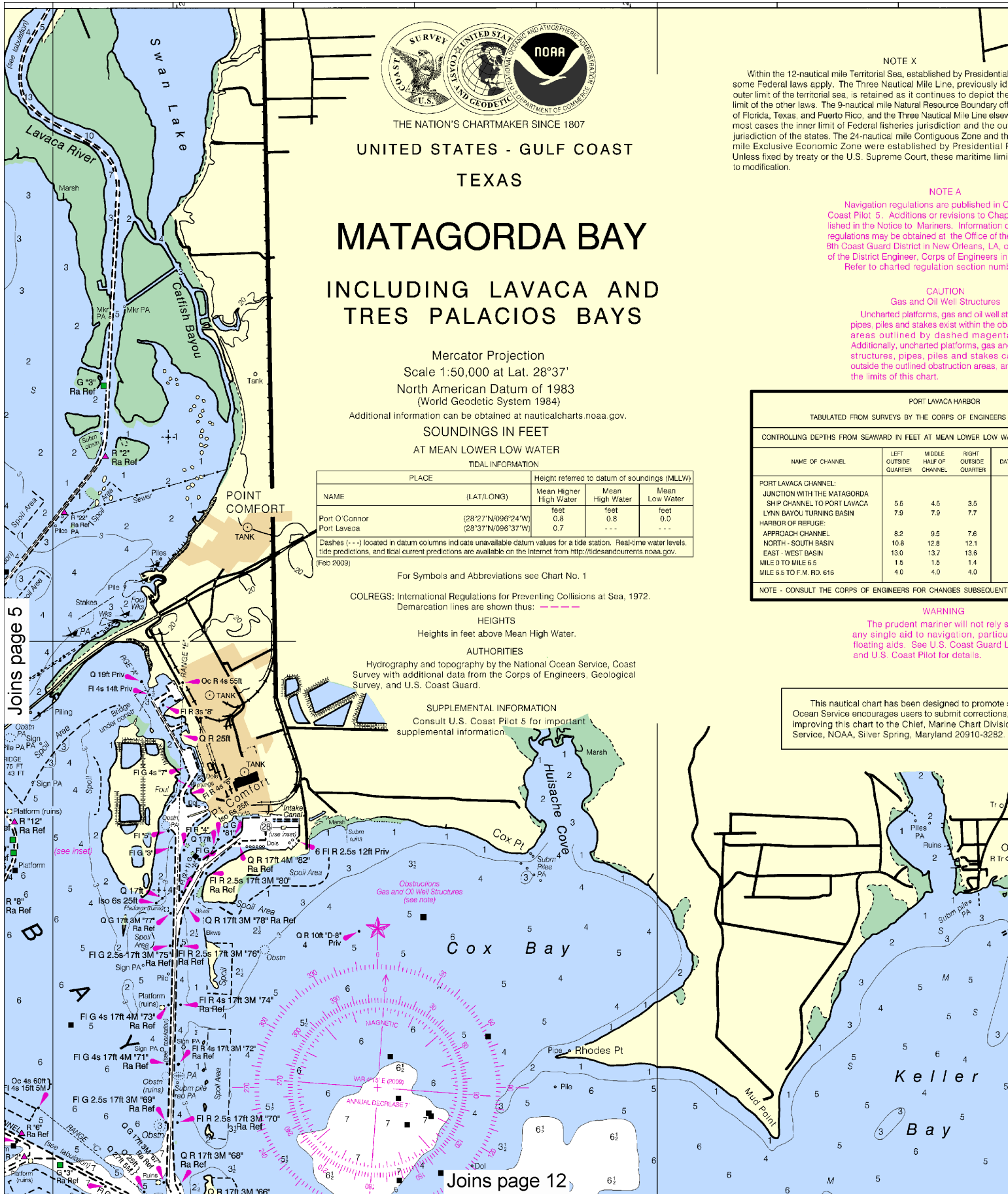
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The new scale is 1:66667. Barscales have also been reduced and
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	4.0	4.0	4.0	

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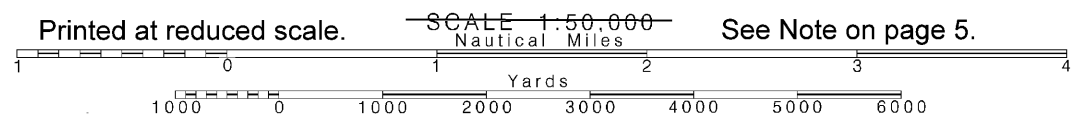
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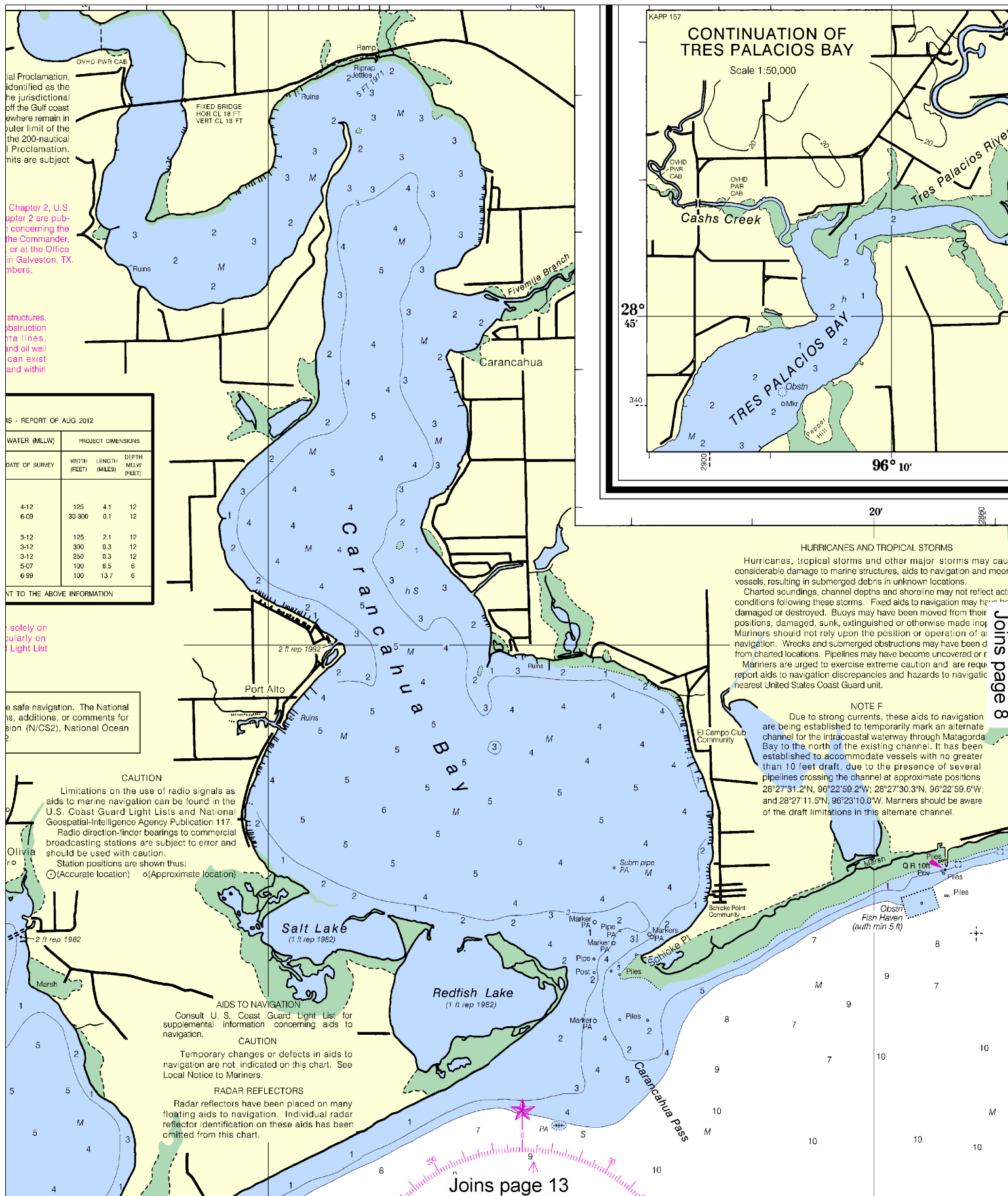
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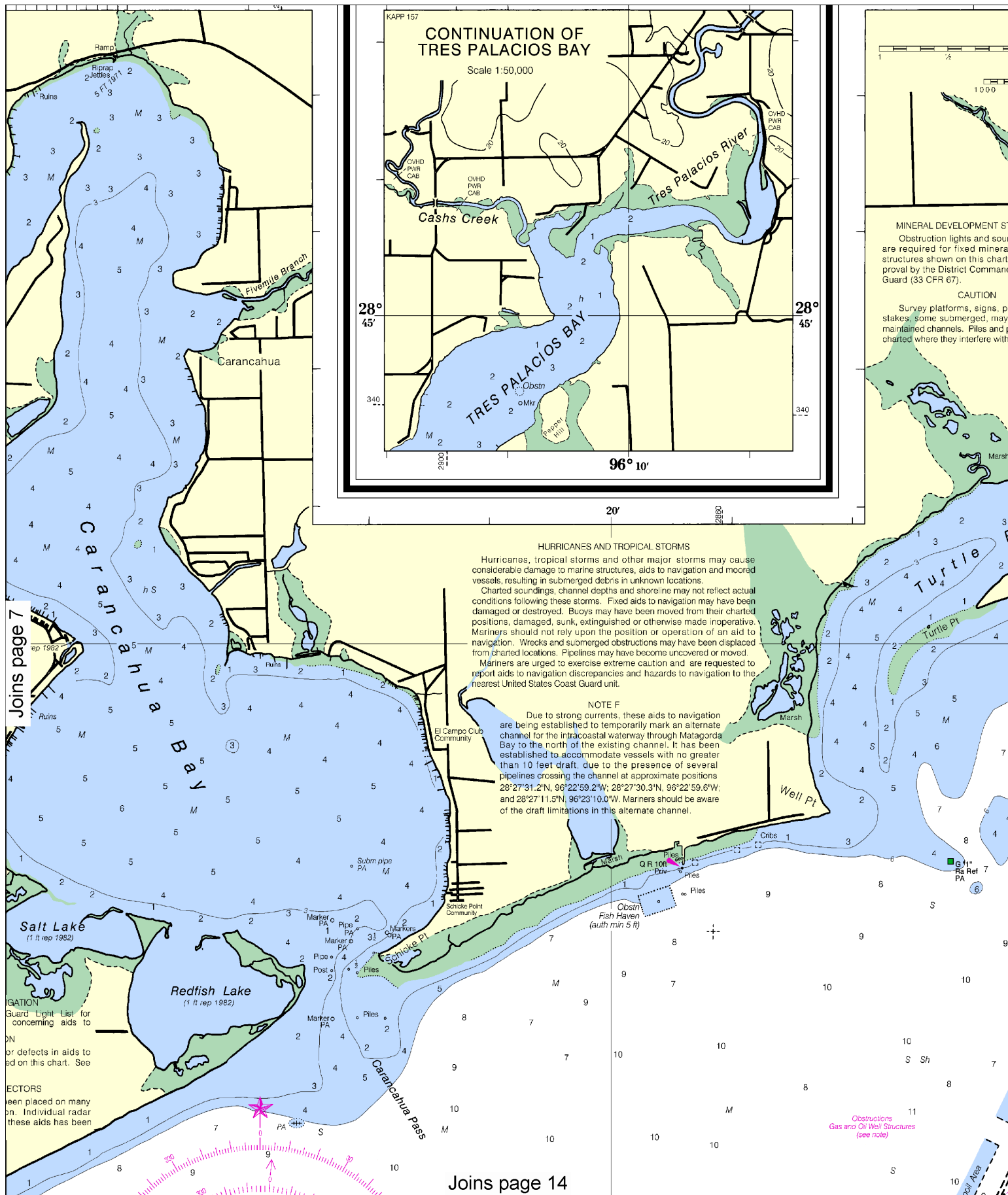
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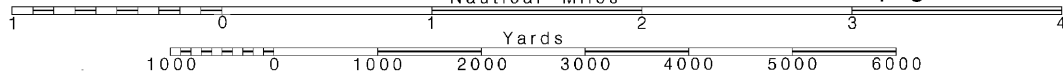
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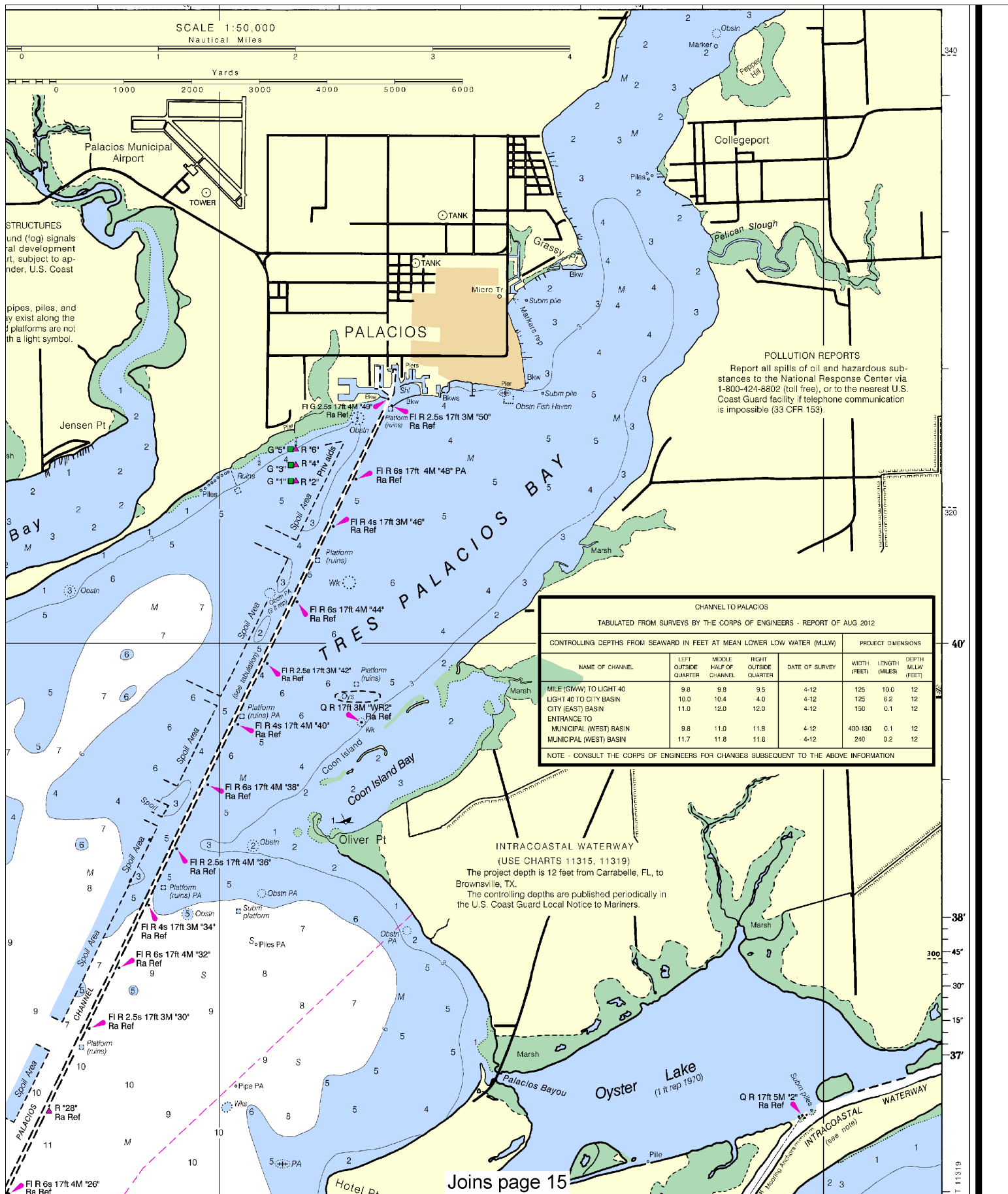
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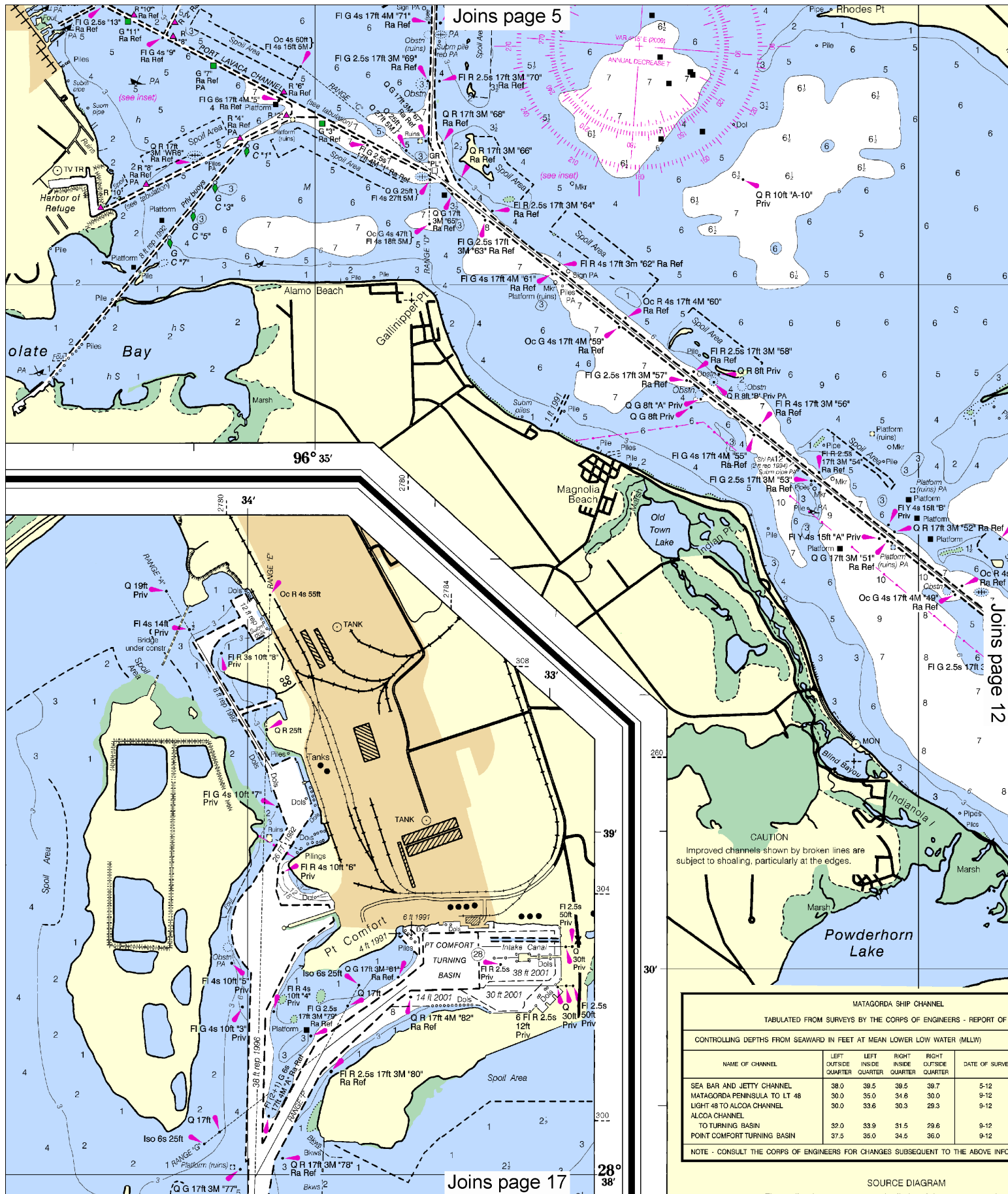
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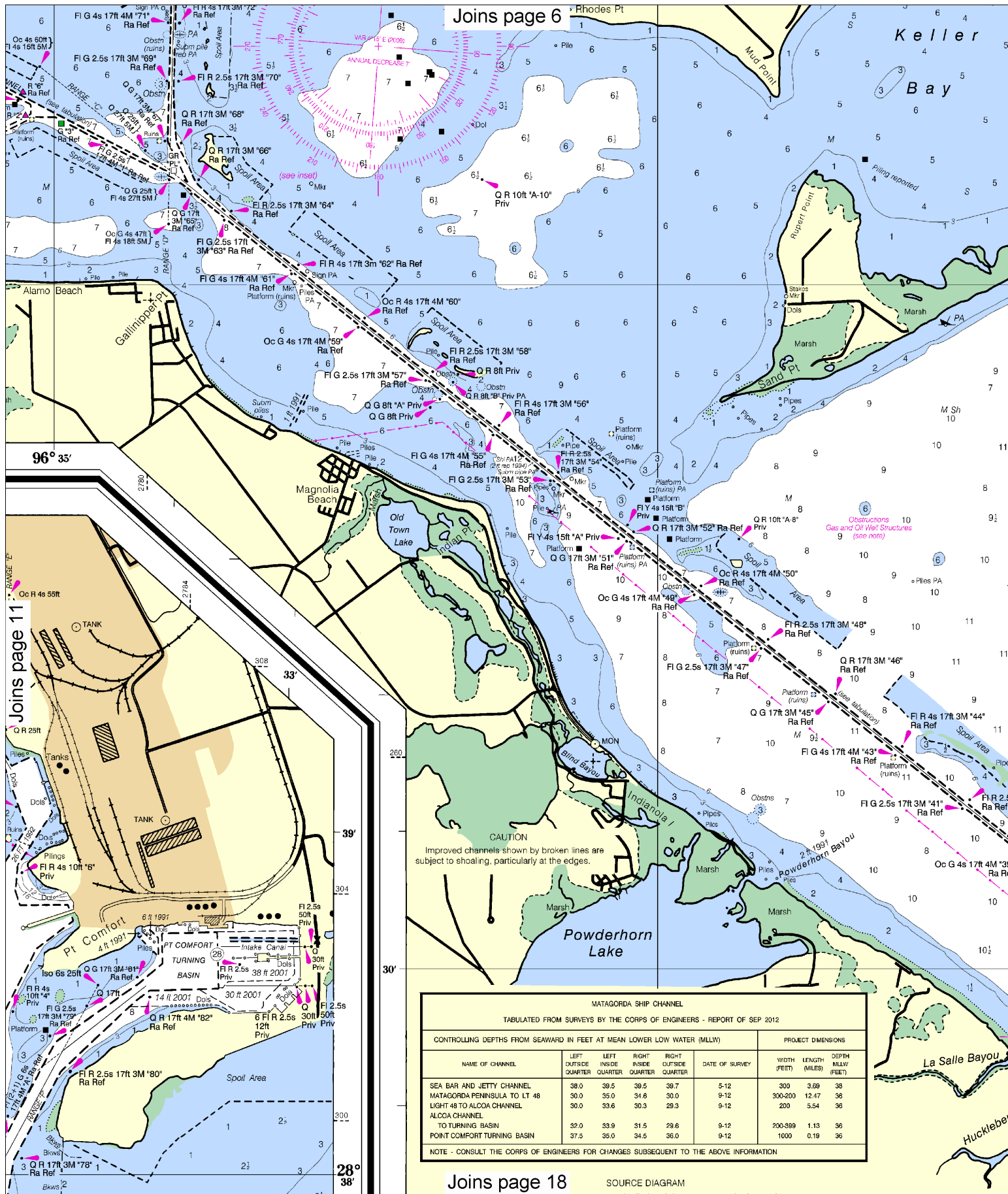
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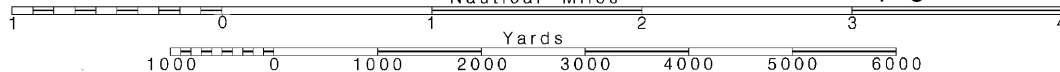
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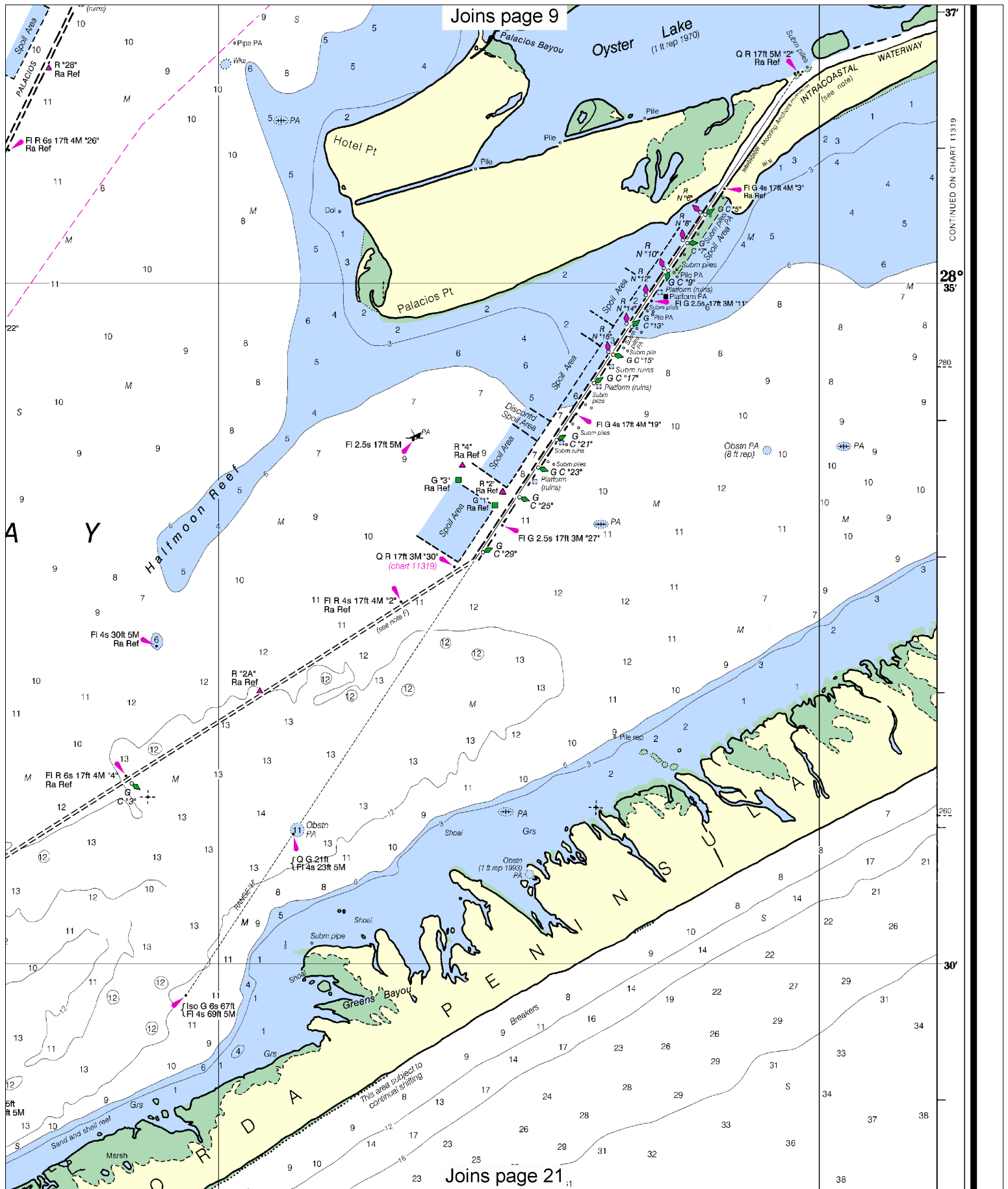
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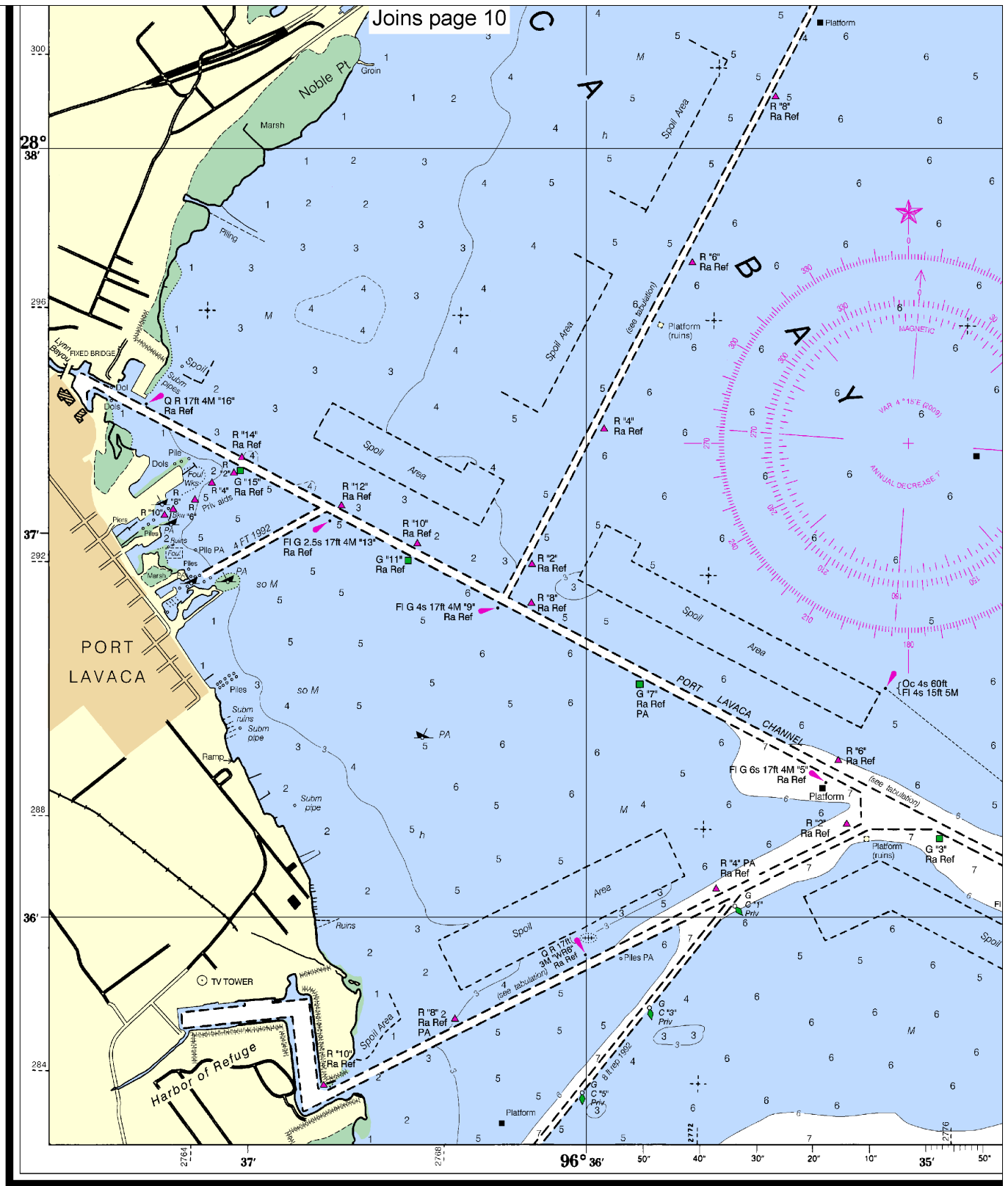
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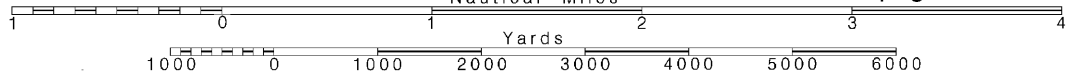
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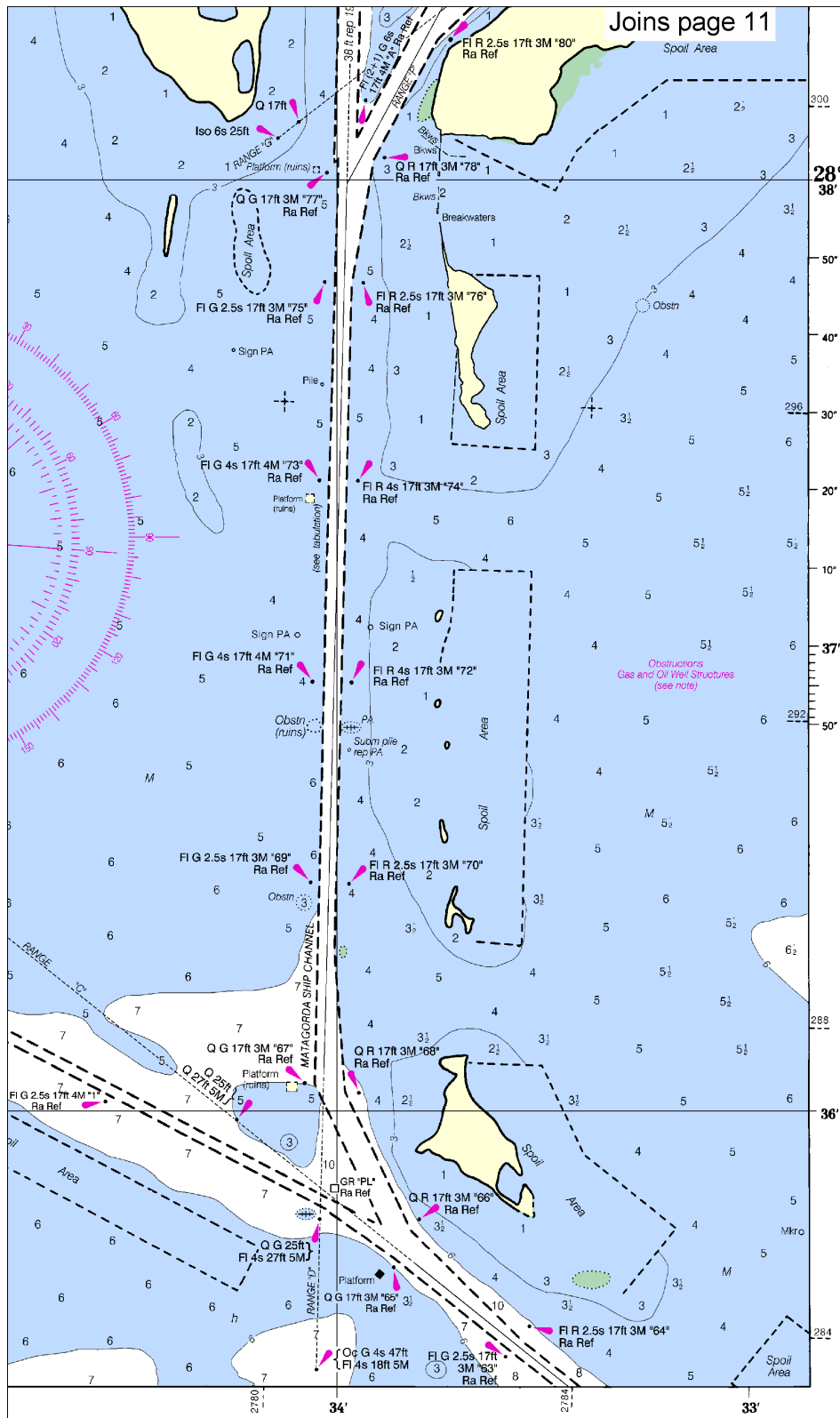
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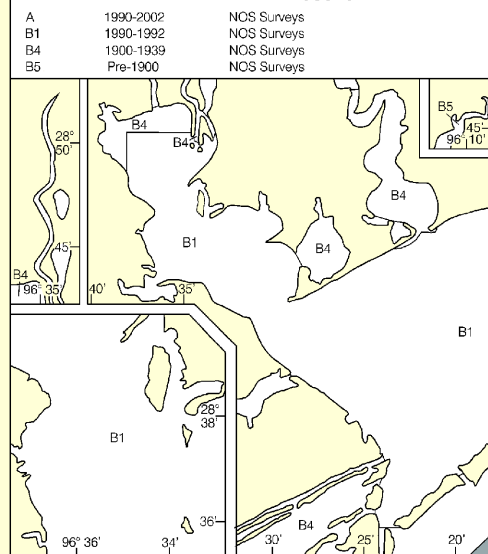
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MATAGORDA PENINSULA TO LT 48	30.0	35.0	34.6	30.0	9-12
LIGHT 48 TO ALCOA CHANNEL	30.0	33.6	30.3	29.3	9-12
ALCOA CHANNEL					
TO TURNING BASIN	32.0	33.9	31.5	29.6	9-12
POINT COMFORT TURNING BASIN	37.5	35.0	34.5	36.0	9-12

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SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels run by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.

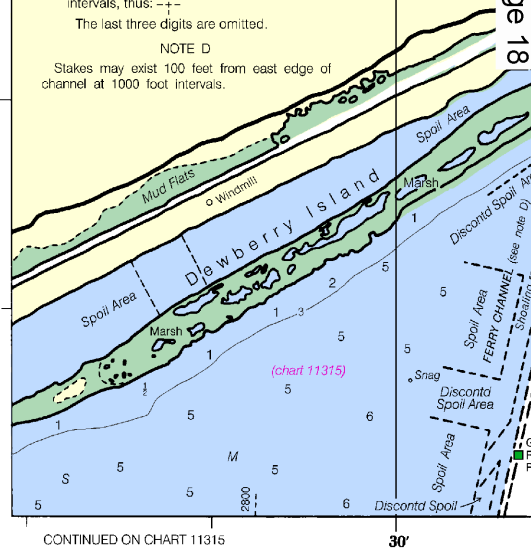
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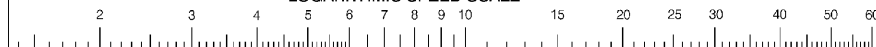
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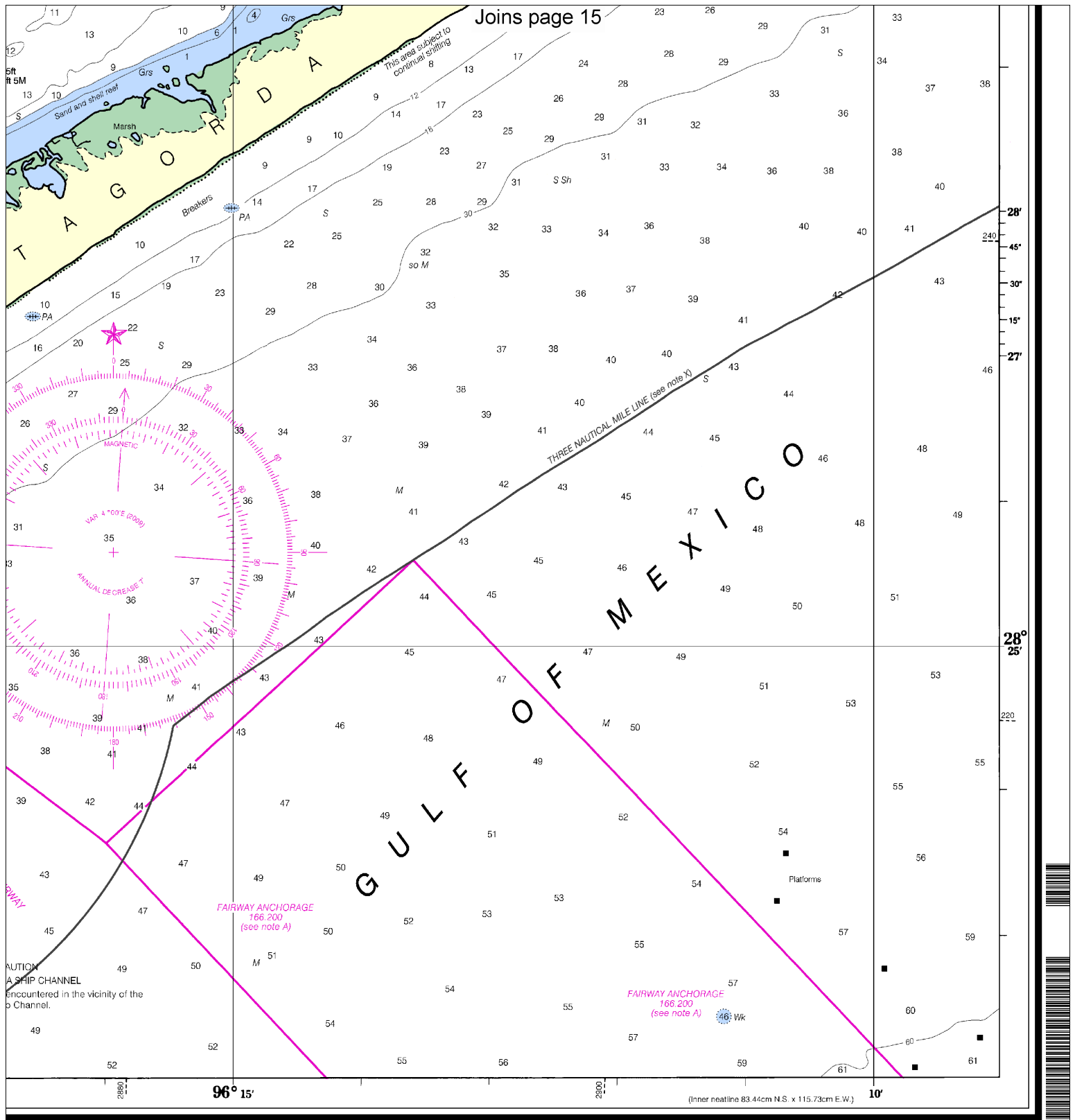


LOGARITHMIC SPEED SCALE



To find SPEED, place one point of dividers on distance run (in any unit) and the other on minutes run. Without changing divider spread, place one point on 60 and left point will then indicate speed in units per hour. Example: with 4.0 nautical miles run in 15 minutes, the speed is 16.0 knots.

SOUNDINGS IN FEET



FATHOMS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
FEET	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90	96	102
METERS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

Matagorda Bay
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VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Getting and Giving Help — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

Distress Call Procedures

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds — If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!



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